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Adopt-a-Highway, Promote Your Organization and Help Keep County Roadways Litter-free

WAUKEGAN, IL – Business, civic, social, youth and not-for-profit organizations looking to volunteer for the good of their community can adopt a highway from the Lake County Division of Transportation. The program allows groups to work together as a team, twice a year, to pick up litter on both sides of their adopted stretch of county highway. Groups develop teamwork, promote their organization and provide a valuable public service to the community.

Adopt-a-Highway is particularly suited to environmentally conscious organizations and citizens. The program provides an opportunity for these groups to make a personal contribution for a cleaner environment.

Adopt-a-Highway volunteers have removed litter from 250 sections of Lake County highways. Thanks to their efforts, the organizations have improved the appearance of the county's highway system.

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“With over 298 centerline miles of county highways, Division of Transportation highway workers cannot keep up with the amount of litter people generate,” said Director of Transportation/County Engineer Marty Buehler. “We need volunteer efforts of citizens and organizations to help keep our roadways clean. We’re extremely grateful for their efforts in the past and look forward to working with new groups in the future.”

The Lake County Division of Transportation provides participating groups with high-visibility vests, trash bags and safety information. Groups are recognized on street signs placed along their adopted stretch of highway.

Past participants include groups such as Saddlebrook Farms Homeowners’ Association, Waukegan Township Staben Center, Lake Bluff Open Lands Association and Baxter Healthcare Corporation.

Applications for the Adopt-a-Highway program are available by calling the Lake County Division of Transportation at (847) 362-3950.

Applications for the program should be sent to the Lake County Division of Transportation offices, 600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048. Adopt-a-Highway applications are due between August 1st and August 15th, 2002 for the fall program. Participants must be at least ten years of age. Participants younger than 18 years of age must have adequate adult supervision.

For further information, please visit the Division of Transportation on the Lake County Web site, located at www.co.lake.il.us. The Lake County Division of Transportation serves county residents and visitors by, among other things, planning, constructing, maintaining and working to improve the county transportation infrastructure.